
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5278 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING FIREFIGHTERS TO CONDUCT CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING BOOT DRIVES ON STATE HIGHWAYS.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Office of the State Traffic Administration (formerly the State Traffic Commission), when asked by a municipality's traffic authority, to issue special event permits allowing the municipality's fire department members to collect donations for charity on a state highway, other than a limited access highway. The permits for these charitable fundraisers (also known as boot drives) are valid for one day only.

The bill limits the (1) location of boot drives to intersections controlled by a traffic control signal or stop sign where the posted speed limit is 30 miles per hour or less and (2) number of permits issued to an authority to two per year for any fire company. It specifies that the permit is an agreement by the municipality to indemnify and hold harmless the state against any financial loss and expense arising out of any claim, demand, suit, or judgment resulting from or related to the issuance of the permit or collection of donations.

*House Amendment "A" limits the validity of permits and number and locations of the boot drives, and adds the indemnity provision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND

Office of the State Traffic Administration

This office has jurisdiction over state highways, including authority to adopt regulations governing their use (CGS § 14-298).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/19/2013)

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (04/30/2013)